

Local Councils Contact Information

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Family Council



*Supporting and Understanding
the vital role families play in
creating safer communities*

The Department of Corrections has publicly recognized the benefit of inmates maintaining family relationships during incarceration and supervision. Research clearly shows the benefit to inmates and their children when the family maintains contact with their loved one during this time. Family members can provide meaningful observations about the barriers that impact the family's ability to maintain contact.

Historical Context

In 2002 Eldon Vail, who at that time was Deputy Secretary for the Office of Correctional Operations, started an Offender Family Advisory Committee. This committee consisted of family members and staff who worked together to review and recommend changes to department policies and practices. The group focused on six areas: providing information to families, visit room environment, transition process, family access, facility housing/living assignments and external environment.

Statewide Council

Over time, the scope of the work has expanded and now the *Statewide Family Council* is asked to assist in developing policies, procedures and programs that support family reunification. The

statewide family council gives input on issues and concerns that impact a broad range of issues. [DOC policy 530.150](#) Family Centered Services outlines the expectations for family councils. For information regarding the Statewide Council Meeting, please contact the Family Services Unit at 360-725-8816.

Local Council

Not all of the issues that were addressed at the Statewide Family Council were statewide issues. There were a number of examples where specific facility barriers were preventing family members from maintaining contact with their loved ones. In an effort to recognize and address these barriers, *Local Family Councils* have been established at every prison.

The local family council requires that participants must be approved visitors. At most facilities, participants can attend in person or they can attend over the phone by calling in on a toll-free number. Contact the local representative for more information.

The local council meetings are a great opportunity for family members to ask questions, to gather information; and to share their perspective on the facility. Family members contribute

significantly to the agenda and participate equally in the meetings.

The Council meetings are generally attended by the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent, a visit room staff person, a custody staff person, the staff responsible for family centered programming; and others as needed. The meetings are intended to address issues impacting a significant part of the population, not individual issues.

Additional information for each facility's family council is available on our website at www.doc.wa.gov.